



**Committee Charter:** Citizen Advisory Committee - Zoning

**Overview:** Committee approved by County Board in 2023 with membership consisting of one appointed citizen from each Commissioner District.

**Purpose:** Provide a forum for input from appointed citizen members and County Commissioners on regulations pertaining to Zoning laws. Recommendations from this committee are presented at regular County Board meetings and then referred to the Planning Commission for review, discussion, and subsequent public hearing process as per MN Statute 394.

**Composition:**

Name	Role	Agency/Represent
Ron Noon	Member	County Commissioner-District 1
Mike Weyer	Member	County Commissioner-District 2
Bill Stearns	Member	County Commissioner-District 3
Murlyn Kreklau	Member/Chair	County Commissioner-District 4
Jon Kangas	Member	County Commissioner-District 5
CJ Holl	Member	County Administrator
Deana Malone	Member	Zoning Administrator
Dean Uselman	Member	Citizen – District 1
Lance Perius	Member	Citizen – District 2
Dan Sartell	Member	Citizen – District 3
Gene Kern	Member	Citizen – District 4
Jeff Lausten	Member	Citizen – District 5

**Membership:**

- County Board approval and appointment of citizen committee members
- Membership terms will be for two years after which the need for the committee to continue will be evaluated
- Members receive a per diem set by the Wadena County Board of Commissioners for participation in each meeting
- Members receive mileage reimbursable at the current IRS rate to and from the site of the meeting location

**Responsibilities:**

- Review Official County Zoning Map and suggest possible changes to promote economic development within the County while maintaining its open spaces for the benefits that the agriculture and forestry industries bring to the County.
- Review current Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances and suggest possible changes to promote economic development within the County while maintaining its open spaces for the benefits that the agriculture and forestry industries bring to the County.

**Meeting schedule:**

- Flexible – Ad hoc.

**Reporting:** Reports to the County Board with updates as they occur

**Decision Making:** Recommendations provided to the County Board and remanded to the Planning Commission for processing in accordance with MN Statute 394 and the Wadena County Zoning Ordinance #1.

**Annual review:**

**Charter:** Review and update annually

**Goals:**

- To review and refresh Zoning laws as needs change and other challenges arise.